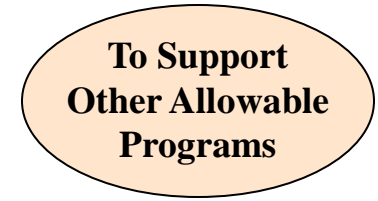
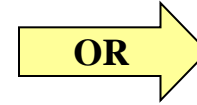
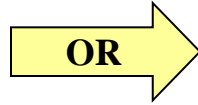


3 Allowable Ways to Use Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds



1. Provide **assistance*** to **needy families**** so children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives.
2. End the dependence of **needy parents**** on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, & marriage.
3. Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies.
4. Encourage the formation & maintenance of two-parent families.

* **Assistance** according to TANF regulations means:

- 1) benefits that meet basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, etc.) on an ongoing basis;
- 2) supportive services, such as ongoing child care & transportation, for families that are not employed.

See yellow box below for conditions to using TANF funds for assistance.

** **Needy families/parents** must meet financial eligibility criteria specified by the state. In Iowa, this means they must meet eligibility criteria for the Family Investment Program (FIP).

- For emergency assistance/services previously authorized under the old Aid to Families with Dependent Children (IV-A) Emergency Assistance or Job Opportunities & Basic Skills (IV-F) programs in effect as of 9/30/95 or 8/21/96.

- Iowa elected to use its IV-A state plan in effect as of 9/30/95 because it allowed for more activities. Services include:

- » **Safety Plan Services** – designed to maintain children safely in their own homes whenever possible. Services are time limited. Without services, removal from the home would be necessary.

- » **Family Safety, Risk and Permanency Services** – provide a broad array of individualized family-focused interventions and supports to improve parents' capacity to keep their children safe and promote positive changes. Services focus on promoting safety, permanency and well-being for children

- » **Foster Care Services** - skill development & behavioral management and supportive services (supervision provided by DHS, juvenile court services or purchased from a licensed child-placing agency and family foster home studies).

- May transfer a combined total of 30% of TANF funds for a federal fiscal year to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG).

- SSBG is a federal block grant to states for social services. The legislature, within the limitations of federal regulations, allocates SSBG funds to help pay for field and central office staff who work on certain social service activities; for adult mental health and developmental disability services and related county administration (also known as local purchase); and for Intact Family Centered, Family Reunification, and Foster Care services.

- Transfers to SSBG are currently limited to 10% of the state's TANF block grant.

- For FFY 10, Iowa transferred the following:

- » **9.9% to SSBG.**
- » **19.7% to CCDF.**

Federal Conditions to Using TANF for Assistance

What the State Must Do

- Meet work participation requirements.
- Impose sanctions for refusal to participate in work activities.
- Limit assistance to a maximum of 60 months (can exempt 20% of caseload).
- Collect and report on specific data.
- Cannot use TANF for medical services except pre-pregnancy family planning.
- Use TANF for citizens and certain aliens only.

What the Family Must Do

- Have a minor child.
- Work towards self-sufficiency by participating in work and training activities.
- Assign child support to the state & cooperate with child support recovery.
- Minor parents must finish high school or equivalent and live with parent or legal guardian.
- Cannot receive assistance for 10 years if convicted of fraud for misrepresenting state of residence to obtain assistance in 2 or more states.

Additional Spending Limitations

- Cannot spend more than 15% of TANF funds on administration of TANF programs.
- Must spend state funds of at least 75% as much as we spent in FFY94 (called maintenance of effort - MOE).
- This requirement increases to 80% if the state fails to meet work participation rates.
- State expenditures must meet certain criteria to count as MOE.



How Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Funds are Being Used in SFY 2011

Annual TANF Block grant ¹	\$131,030,394
Funded with TANF Carryover	\$ 89,602 (est.)
TANF Emergency Fund	\$ 24,088,786 (est.)
SFY 2011 TANF Budget	\$155,208,782

To Meet Purposes 1 & 2 of TANF

To Meet Purposes 3 & 4 of TANF and for Activities Funded Before TANF

To Support Other Allowable Programs

Total: \$58,402,314

Total: \$33,450,509

Total: \$63,355,959

1. Care for children in own homes/relatives homes.

➢ FIP Cash Assistance	\$40,356,220
➢ Technology	\$ 1,037,186

2. End dependence by promoting job preparation, work & marriage.

➢ Diversion*	\$ 1,698,400
➢ PROMISE JOBS*	\$12,411,528
➢ Family Development & Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS*)	\$2,898,980

➢ Direct Pregnancy Prevention*	\$1,930,067
➢ CW Juv Delinquency*	\$5,200,000
➢ Direct Child Abuse Prevention*	\$125,000
➢ Other Child Welfare	\$26,195,442

Other Child Welfare programs may either be previously authorized before TANF or meet TANF purposes 3 or 4.

Administrative Costs
 The state is allowed to expend up to 15% of its annual TANF award (after transfers to SSBG and CCDF) for administrative costs, which would be = \$13,833,465 for FFY 11 (assuming maximum transfers). For FFY 10, Iowa expended 2.83% or \$2,610,001.
 * These items include administrative costs.

• Transfer 30% per FFY to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) and the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG).

➢ CCDF Transfer	
• Early Childhood Development (Empowerment)*	\$ 6,350,000
• Child Care Assistance	\$16,382,687
Total CCDF Transfer	\$22,732,687
➢ SSBG Transfer	
◦ General Administrative costs	\$ 770,156
◦ Field Operations	\$ 6,608,812
◦ Child & Family Services	\$ 688,988
◦ Local Purchase	\$ 4,894,052
Total SSBG Transfer	\$12,962,008
Field Operations*	\$24,687,420
General Administrative Expense*	\$ 2,973,844

¹ Iowa TANF Block Grant reduced \$494,565 for SFY 11. Funds federally redirected to Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Tribal TANF Program in Woodbury County.